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TO: Iowa Medicaid Physicians

FROM: Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

RE: Updated Rates for Primary Care-Retroactive Adjustments

EFFECTIVE: January 1, 2014

In November 2012, the IME announced the implementation of a provision of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) that supports increased payments to certain primary care physicians (PCP) for specified primary care services. The services eligible for the higher Medicaid payment must be delivered by a physician who specializes in family medicine, general internal medicine or pediatric medicine; including services provided by non-physician practitioners if billed under the National Provider Identifier (NPI) of an eligible physician. To qualify, the physician is required to self-attest to their qualification.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) recently released the enhanced payment rates for calendar year 2014. The IME is in the process of updating the fee schedule to reflect the new rates for eligible providers. Once the rates have been updated, claims for dates of service affected will pay at the updated rates, as applicable. The IME will adjust previously paid claims at the enhanced rate. The adjusted claims will include the updated amount and will be processed in weekly payment cycles beginning in mid-spring 2014.

Self-attestation is simple. Providers should complete the single page e-form, [Iowa Medicaid Primary Care Physician Certification and Attestation for Primary Care Rate Increase](#),¹ which captures a provider's identification and qualification information along with the attestation of eligibility. The form is straightforward and there are no separate directions, but guidance and clarification is displayed when you click on most fields in the form. Please refer to [Informational Letter 1194](#)² for full details and qualification information. **If you have already attested you do not need to attest again.**

If you have any questions, please contact the IME Provider Services Unit at 1-800-338-7909, locally in Des Moines at 515-256-4609 or by email at imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us.

¹ <https://www.tfaforms.com/264250>

² <http://www.dhs.state.ia.us/uploads/1194%20Increased%20Medicaid%20Payment%20for%20Primary%20Care.pdf>